

Dental Hygienist

Competitive Salary DOQ + [Full-Time County Benefits](#).

Olde Towne Medical and Dental Center seeks an individual to perform dental care to patients in all facets of a general dental practice to treat, prevent and educate dental health issues.

Responsibilities:

- Performs scalings, root planning and polishes natural and restored teeth using hand instruments, rotary instruments, prophylactic jets and ultrasonic devices; applies sealants.
- Performs an original or clinical examination of teeth and surrounding tissues; performs subgingival irrigation or subgingival application of Schedule VI medicinal agents in accordance with the Code of Virginia.
- Assists with placement and removal of elastic orthodontic separators; educates patients on proper handling and care of orthodontic materials; and educates patients in placement and removal of retainers and appliances after fitting.
- May serve as chairside assistant aiding the dentist's treatment by concurrently performing supporting actions during routine and surgical procedures.
- Assists in the development of clinical quality improvement (CQI) activities and clinical protocols and procedures.
- Plans and provides patient education and case management to ensure patient compliance with the plan of treatment; teaches dental health promotion, disease prevention and personal responsibility for care.
- Staffs County shelters during emergencies and emergency situations, as long as the staff is available
- Maintain dental equipment and sharpen and sterilize dental instruments.
- Record and review patient medical histories.
- Assist in managing dental emergencies, provide appropriate interim care and make arrangements for further treatment as necessary.

Requirements

- Any combination of education or experience equivalent to a high school diploma and some experience in general clerical work or one year in a medical or dental setting; experience as dental assistant preferred.
- Must possess reliable transportation to work site(s).
- Must be licensed in the State of Virginia as Dental Hygienist.
- Must possess or obtain CPR certification within six weeks of employment.
- Knowledge of dental health principles and practices, wellness concepts and community resources.
- Ability to work independently, and as a team member under pressure in a fast-paced clinic setting; establish and maintain effective working relationships with the dentist, other co-workers, volunteers, and the public; work and communicate effectively with persons of various multicultural and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds; effectively communicate both orally and in writing.

[Click here](#) for the full job description. Accepting applications until the position is filled. Cover letters and resumes may also be attached, but a **fully completed application** is required for your application to be considered.

Only online applications to our website will be considered. To apply, please visit the James City County Career Center at <https://jobs.jamescitycountyva.gov>